

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims are listed below for the convenience of the Examiner. No changes have been made. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claim 47 in accordance with the following:

1. (previously presented) A system for managing information comprising:
 - a communication request monitor unit which monitors a communication request;
 - a management unit which selects a countermeasure based upon information notified from the communication request monitor unit;
 - a performing unit which performs a countermeasure in response to an instruction from the management unit,
 - wherein said management unit comprises:
 - a database which manages a notification content from the communication request monitor unit and the countermeasure that the performing unit performs such that the notification content and the countermeasure correspond to each other, and
 - a selection unit which selects the countermeasure from various angles based upon the database and mounting information, operation information, and/or security information to be performed;
 - an information collection unit which collects information related to a kind, a content, an order, and a time interval of two or more communications in a progress process of an attack event or a leakage event, such that the information is collected through an attack caused by induction through a vulnerability manifested in a decoy server, so that the collected information is analyzed to be recognized as an attack pattern to be used to predict a future attack which may occur; and
 - a reflection unit which reflects the information collected and regulated by the information collection unit upon the database, to thereby predict a possible attack event or a leakage event in advance, and to avoid the predicted attack event or leakage event before execution of the predicted attack event or leakage event, wherein the information notified by the communication request monitor unit and/or countermeasure selected by the management unit are weighted.

Claims 2-3 (cancelled)

4. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein based upon which of the mounting information, the operation management information and/or the security information a countermeasure is selected can be setting-changed according to the selection of a user.

5. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the communication request monitor unit, management unit, and the performing unit are provided in plurality.

6. (original) The system according to claim 5, wherein the communication request monitor units, management units, and the performing units cooperate with each other between the same type or different types thereof to exchange information.

7. (cancelled)

8. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein a weight coefficient for the weighting can be arbitrarily set by a user.

9. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein a weight coefficient for the weighting is set based upon the mounting information, operation management information and/or security information.

10. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the database holds information notified by the communication request monitor unit in time series, and the selection unit selects a countermeasure based upon the time series information stored in the database.

11. (original) The system according to claim 5, further comprising a site map formation unit which forms a site map representing a spatial arrangement of a website based upon the information notified by the plural communication request monitor unit.

12. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1, further comprising a site map formation unit which forms a site map representing a spatial arrangement of a website based upon the information notified by the plural communication request monitor unit.

13. (original) The system according to claim 10, further comprising a site map formation unit which forms a site map representing a spatial arrangement of a website based upon the information notified by the plural communication request monitor unit.

14. (previously presented) The system according to claim 5, further comprising a monitor condition notification unit which notifies the communication request monitor unit of the kind and/or time of a communication to be a monitor object based upon a site map formed by a site map formation unit.

15. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1, further comprising a monitor condition notification unit which notifies the communication request monitor unit of the kind and/or time of a communication to be a monitor object based upon a site map formed by a site map formation unit.

16. (original) The system according to claim 10, further comprising a monitor condition notification unit which notifies the communication request monitor unit of the kind and/or time of a communication to be a monitor object based upon the a site map formed by the site map formation unit.

17. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the management unit gives a request to a website existing in a network and automatically updates the database based upon information replied in response to the request.

18. (previously presented) The system according to claim 17, wherein the request is performed at a user's suggestion.

19. (original)The system according to claim 1, wherein the management unit automatically updates the database based upon information automatically transmitted from a website existing in a network.

20. (previously presented) The system according to claim 19, wherein the information automatically transmitted from a website existing in a network is taken in the database in response to a request of a user.

21. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1, further comprising:
a vulnerability present unit which provides vulnerability of the system; and
the information collection unit which collects information related to an attack the
vulnerability presented by the vulnerability present unit.

22. (original) The system according to claim 1, further comprising an investigation unit
investigating an outgoing source of a communication content and a determination unit which
determines whether or not a website is made a stepping-stone by an ill-intentioned person
based upon an investigation result by the investigation unit.

23. (original) The system according to claim 1, further comprising a decoy unit leading a
communication to a location different from an attack object to avoid an attack.

24. (previously presented) A method of managing information comprising:
monitoring a communication request by a communication request monitor unit;
selecting, via a management unit, a countermeasure from various angles based upon a
database and mounting information, operation management information, and/or security
information, wherein the database manages a notification content notified by the communication
request monitor step and a countermeasure to be performed such that the notification content
and the countermeasure correspond to each other; and
performing, via a performing unit, the countermeasure selected in response to an
instruction from the management unit;
collecting information related to a kind, a content, an order, and a time interval of two or
more communications in a progress process of an attack event or a leakage event, such that the
information is collected through an attack caused by induction through a vulnerability manifested
in a decoy server, so that the collected information is analyzed to be recognized as an attack
pattern to be used to predict a future attack which may occur; and
reflecting the information collected and regulated by the information collection step upon
the database, to thereby predict a possible attack event or a leakage event in advance, and to
avoid the predicted attack event or leakage event before execution of the predicted attack event
or leakage event, wherein the information notified by the communication request monitor unit
and/or countermeasure selected by the management unit are weighted.

Claims 25-26 (cancelled)

27. (previously presented) The method according to claim 24, wherein based upon which of the mounting information, the operation management information and/or the security information a countermeasure is selected and can be setting-changed according to the selection of a user.

28. (original) The method according to claim 24, wherein the communication request monitor unit, management unit, and the performing unit are provided in plurality.

29. (original) The method according to claim 28, wherein the respective plurality of communication request monitor units, management units, and performing units cooperate with each other between the same type or different types thereof to exchange information.

30. (cancelled)

31. (original) The method according to claim 30, wherein a weight coefficient for the weighting can be arbitrarily set by a user.

32. (previously presented) The method according to claim 24, wherein a weight coefficient for the weighting is set based upon the mounting information, operation management information and/or security information.

33. (previously presented) The method according to claim 24, wherein the database holds information notified by the communication request monitor unit in time series, and a countermeasure is selected based upon the time series information stored in the database.

34. (previously presented) The method according to claim 28, further comprising forming a site map representing a spatial arrangement of a website based upon the information notified by the communication request monitor units.

35. (previously presented) The method according to claim 24, further comprising forming a site map representing a spatial arrangement of a website based upon the information notified by the communication request monitor units.

36. (previously presented) The method according to claim 33, further comprising forming a site map representing a spatial arrangement of a website based upon the information notified by the communication request monitor units.

37. (previously presented) The method according to claim 28, further comprising notifying the communication request monitor units of the kind and/or time of a communication to be a monitor object based upon a site map formed.

38. (previously presented) The method according to claim 24, further comprising a notifying the communication request monitor units of the kind and/or time of a communication to be a monitor object based upon a site map formed.

39. (previously presented) The method according to claim 33, further comprising a notifying the communication request monitor units of the kind and/or time of a communication to be a monitor object based upon a site map formed.

40. (original) The method according to claim 24, wherein the management unit gives a request to a website existing in a network and automatically updates the database based upon information replied in response to the request.

41. (original) The method according to claim 40, wherein the request is performed in response to a request of a user.

42. (original) The method according to claim 24, wherein the management unit automatically updates the database based upon information automatically transmitted from a website existing in a network.

43. (original) The method according to claim 42, wherein the database is automatically update based on the information transmitted from a website existing in a network in response to a request of a user.

44. (previously presented) The method according to claim 24, further comprising providing vulnerability of the system; and the information collection step collecting information related to an attack against the vulnerability provided.

45. (previously presented) The method according to claim 24, further comprising investigating an outgoing source of a communication content and determining whether a website is made a stepping-stone by an ill-intentioned person based upon an investigation result.

46. (original) The method according to claim 24, further comprising a decoy unit leading a communication to a location different from an attack object to avoid an attack.

47. (currently amended) A computer readable medium ~~comprising~~ read by a computer and encoded with a program that when executed by the computer causes the computer to perform a method performed by a computer, the method comprising:

- monitoring communication requests;

- outputting a notification in case of an abnormality;

- selecting a countermeasure from various angles based upon a database and mounting information, operation management information, and/or security information, wherein the database manages a content of the notification and a corresponding countermeasure;

- performing a countermeasure against the abnormality based on the selected countermeasure;

- collecting information related to a kind, a content, an order, and a time interval of two or more communications in a proceeding process of an attack event or a leakage event, such that the information is collected through an attack caused by induction through a vulnerability manifested in a decoy server, so that the collected information is analyzed to be recognized as an attack pattern to be used to predict a future attack which may occur; and

- reflecting the information collected and regulated by the information collected upon the database, to thereby predict a possible attack event or a leakage event in advance, and to avoid the predicted attack event or leakage event before execution of the predicted attack event or leakage event.

48. (Cancelled)